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THAT'S IT, JUST SIGN THERE...AND OUR BARGAIN WILL BE BINDING!
NOW, I MUST BID YOU ADIEU!...UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!
OH? I WAS HOPING YOU'D JOIN ME FOR A DRINK!
I'M AFRAID I MUST HUMBLY DECLINE!
MY STAY ON EARTH IS PERMITTED ONLY BRIEFLY! BUT SOMEDAY I WILL BE HERE TO STAY!
2

IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS, MILO LIVES THE LIFE OF AN EPICURE, BASKING IN SYBARITIC PLEASURES!
THIS IS THE WAY TO LIVE...ALL PLAY AND NO WORK!
I HAVE EVERYTHING! I CAN DO ANYTHING! HUMAN MORALS ARE NOT FOR ME!
HIS SCRUPLES ARE FEW! THE PEOPLE HE HARMS ARE MANY!
HA! HA! HA! TRY TO SWIM BACK TO SHORE... IF YOU CAN!
3

SUCH AN EXISTENCE COULDN'T CONTINUE FOREVER!

THE THIRD CAR THIS MONTH...TOO BAD I KEEP WRECKING THEM! UNFORTUNATE TOO, THAT THREE PEOPLE DIED IN MY LAST ACCIDENT...BUT I CAN'T BE BOTHERED WITH WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE!

MY LIFE IS FOR ME TO ENJOY...IF PEOPLE GET IN THE WAY OF MY PLEASURE...*THEN THEY MUST GO!*

A MAN WHO HAS NO REGARD FOR PEOPLE, HAS NO REGARD FOR THEIR LAWS AS WELL!

MUCH LATER, CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS!

HUH? WHA? WHERE AM I?

IN A HOSPITAL, SIR! YOU WERE INVOLVED IN A CAR COLLISION!

MY HAND! WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HAND?

THE DOCTOR HAD TO AMPUTATE...TO SAVE YOUR LIFE! I'M...SORRY!

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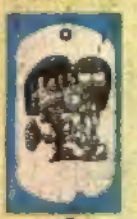
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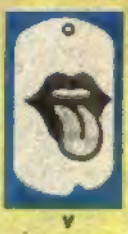
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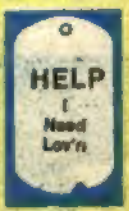

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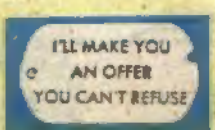

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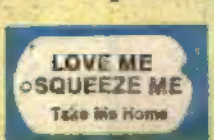

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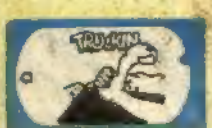

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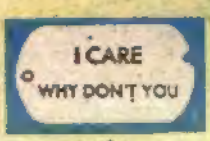

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THIS HE DOES, WITH SCARCELY A SECOND THOUGHT!
I CAN FEEL MY FINGERS...UNDER THE BANDAGES!

THAT... THAT'S NOT MY HAND!
WHAT KIND OF TRICK IS THE DEVIL TRYING TO PULL?

NO! I DON'T WANT IT! I...HEY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT!

THIS HAND...IT'S PART OF ME...AND I CAN'T CONTROL THE GOSH-AWFUL THING!
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THEN, SUDDENLY, THE UNRULY HAND STRIKES!
MY GOSH ...NOW IT'S TRYING TO KILL ME!

NO! I DON'T WANT THIS HAND! GO BACK TO THE HELL THAT SPAWNED YOU!

COLD FINGERS OF FEAR MELT INTO MILO'S THOUGHTS, AND A CHILL, MOVING LIKE ICE-HONEY FLOWS DOWN HIS SPINE!
SO COLD!

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT'S AS IF MY WHOLE BODY WERE BEING TAKEN OVER BY A SINISTER FORCE!

THEN, THE CHILL IS GONE, AND THERE IS WARMTH IN HIS HANDS!
BOTH HANDS NOW!

THEN IT GROWS TO HIS CHEST!
BURNING UP! I'M BURNING UP!

AND TO HIS NECK!
I DON'T WANT ANY OF THIS! TAKE IT BACK!

STOP IT!
PLEASE! PLEASE!

THE SCREAMING IS SOON OVER!
NOW I HAVE GAINED PERMANENT ENTRY ONTO THIS PLANET... IN THE FORM OF MILO VON HUMMELSTEIN!

AND I DO BELIEVE THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES I'D LIKE TO MAKE!
ANYONE OUT THERE INTERESTED IN A LITTLE BARGAIN?
7
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SHOCK ENDING
WHEN LEN AND KEN HOWLEY FIRST WENT INTO SHOW BUSINESS, THEY WERE DETERMINED TO REACH THE TOP... THEY WERE BIG FOR GIMMICKS... LIKE THE "COOL GHOUL" ROUTINE THEY PERFECTED WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED OUT!
THE COOL GHOULS IS DEAD.. THIS IS THEIR LAST NIGHT!
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DON'T TAKE OFF THE MAKE-UP, KIDS... WHY DON'T YOU LOOK FOR A JOB IN A NICE CITY MORGUE!.
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LEN, YOU'RE A JERK!.. I TOLD YOU THIS ROUTINE WOULD BOMB!
DON'T TELL ME NOTHIN', BROTHER! YOU'RE A JINX! IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU ON MY BACK, I'D GET SOMEWHERE!

I'VE GOT MORE TALENT IN MY DIRTY SOCKS THAN YOU'VE GOT, DUM-DUM!
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU, KEN.. I'M SPLITTIN'...
... BUT I'M SPLITTIN' YOUR LIPS FIRST!.
SPLAT!
I'M TAKING THE CAR, BROTHER... YOU CAN HITCHHIKE TO THE BIG TIME!
WAIT, LEN, THAT CAR IS...
I KNOW.. HALF YOURS... MAYBE I'LL PAY YOU FOR YOUR SHARE SOME DAY.. BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH!
LEN, DON'T DO IT!
BUT LEN WOULDN'T LISTEN.. HE DROVE OFF INTO THE NIGHT, STILL IN HIS GOULISH MAKE-UP, WITH KEN'S WILD LAUGHTER FOLLOWING HIM INTO THE DARKNESS!
HAHAHAHA! I TRIED TO TELL HIM!
HE WOULDN'T LISTEN! THERE'S A LEAK IN THE BRAKES!
SUDDENLY HE WON'T HAVE ANY BRAKES!
HAHAHA HAHAHA!!!

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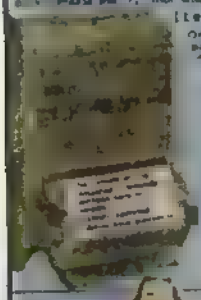

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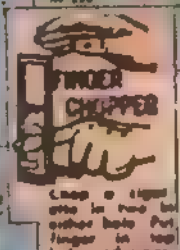

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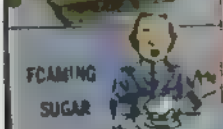

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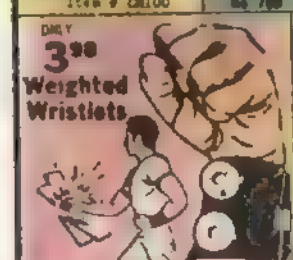

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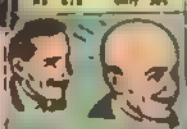

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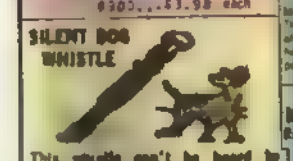

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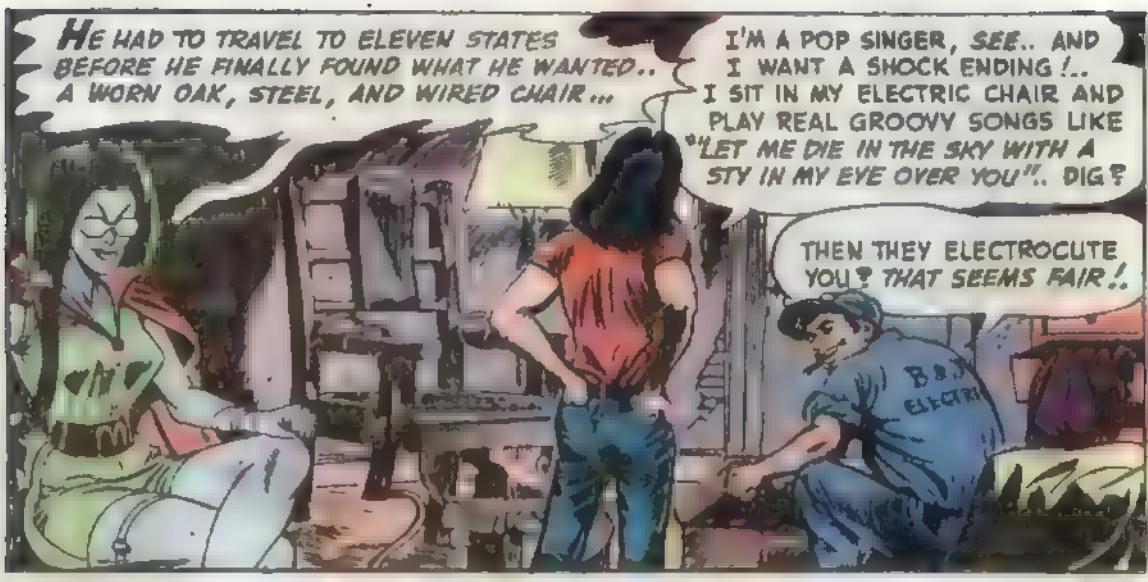
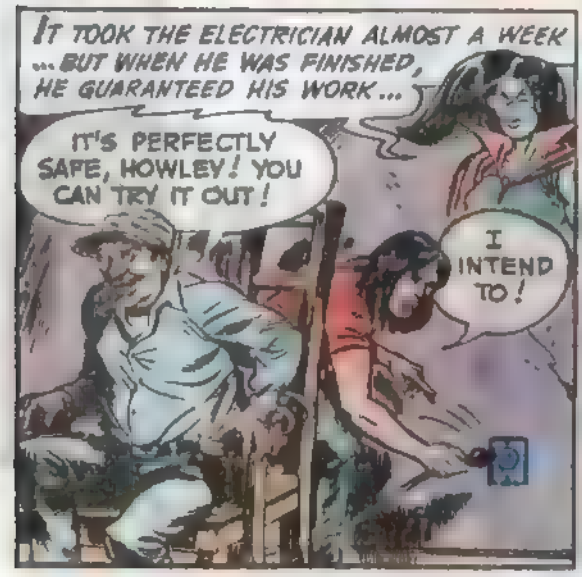
NO MORE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
HAH! NOW IT'S SAFE TO COMMIT MURDER!.
I'LL BET THERE'LL BE A LOT OF USED ELECTRIC CHAIRS FOR SALE!
WHO'D WANT A USED ELECTRIC CHAIR ANYHOW? THEY...
WAIT A MINUTE! I THINK I GOT AN IDEA!.
IF LEN WAS AROUND TO HEAR THIS, HE'D TURN GREEN WITH JEALOUSY.. I'M GONNA ELECTROCUTE MYSELF!
I AM AROUND, BROTHER .. AND I'M NOT GREEN WITH ENVY... THIS IS MY NATURAL COLOR!
KENNETH IS GOING TO ELECTROCUTE HIMSELF? THAT'S A TERRIFIC IDEA!
FIRST I'VE GOT TO BUY A USED ELECTRIC CHAIR!


HE HAD TO TRAVEL TO ELEVEN STATES BEFORE HE FINALLY FOUND WHAT HE WANTED.. A WORN OAK, STEEL, AND WIRED CHAIR...
I'M A POP SINGER, SEE.. AND I WANT A SHOCK ENDING!.. I SIT IN MY ELECTRIC CHAIR AND PLAY REAL GROOVY SONGS LIKE "LET ME DIE IN THE SKY WITH A STY IN MY EYE OVER YOU".. DIG?
THEN THEY ELECTROCUTE YOU? THAT SEEMS FAIR!.

DON'T BE FUNNY! I WANT YOU TO REWIRE THIS SO WHEN A SWITCH IS THROWN THERE ARE SPARKS, LIGHTS FLASH, AND I SEEM TO GET JUICED RIGHT THERE ON THE STAGE!


IT TOOK THE ELECTRICIAN ALMOST A WEEK ...BUT WHEN HE WAS FINISHED, HE GUARANTEED HIS WORK...
IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE, HOWLEY! YOU CAN TRY IT OUT!
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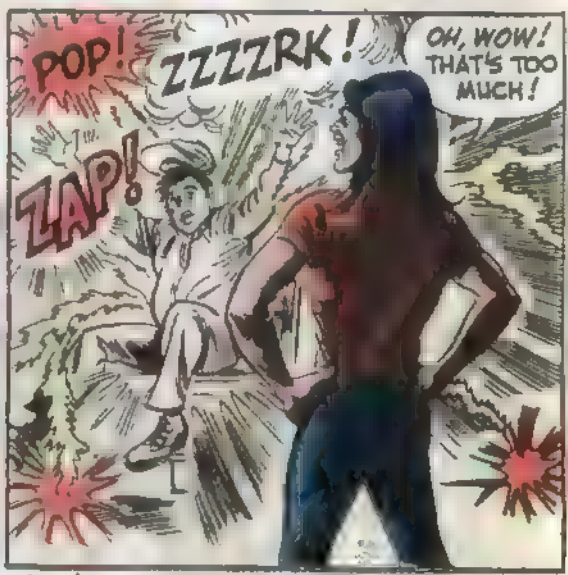

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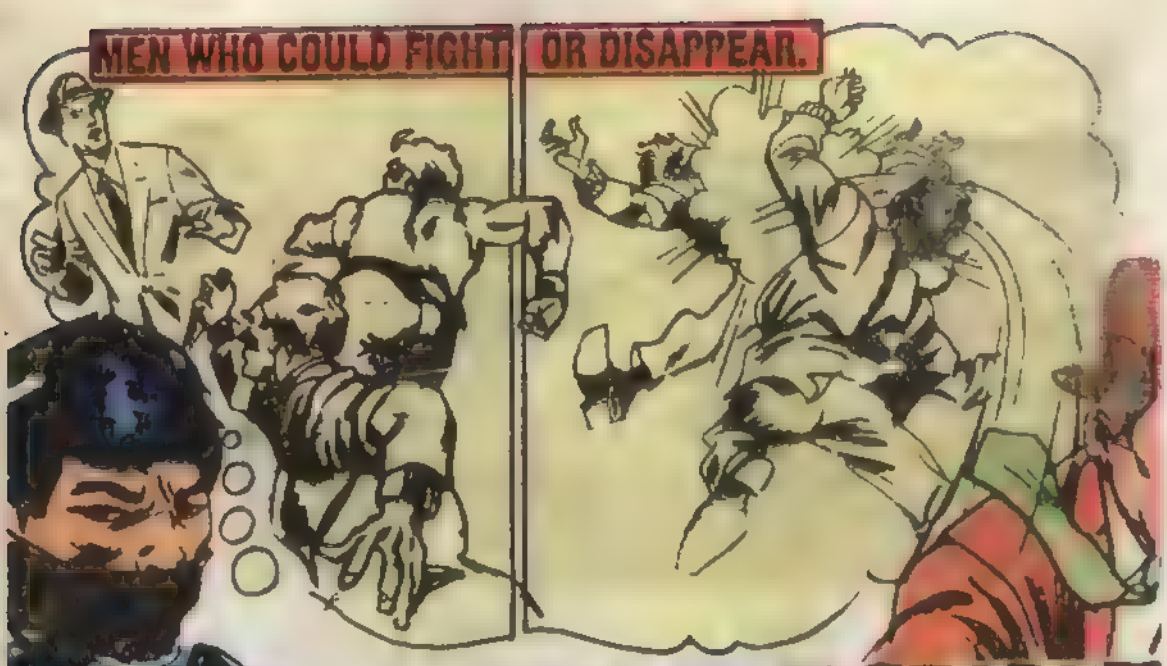

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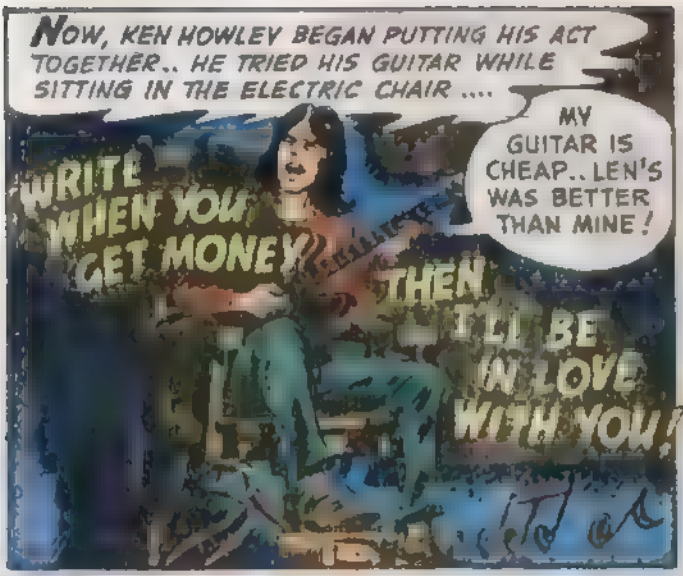
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MY GUITAR IS CHEAP.. LEN'S WAS BETTER THAN MINE!
WRITE WHEN YOU GET MONEY!
THEN I'LL BE IN LOVE WITH YOU!

I'M GONNA START USING HIS!

HE'S WEARIN' MY GOOD BOOTS AND ALL MY CLOTHES... NOW HE'S USING MY ELECTRIC GUITAR!
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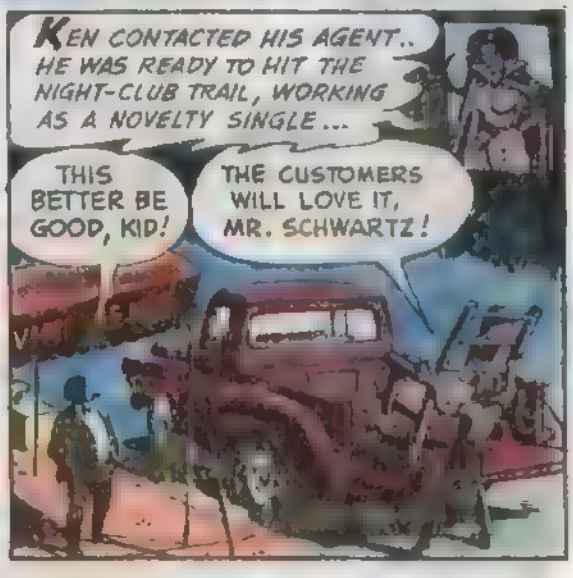
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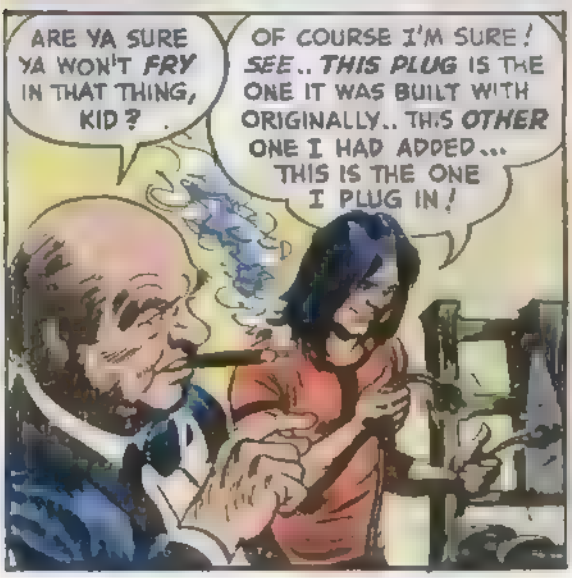
ARE YA SURE YA WON'T FRY IN THAT THING, KID?
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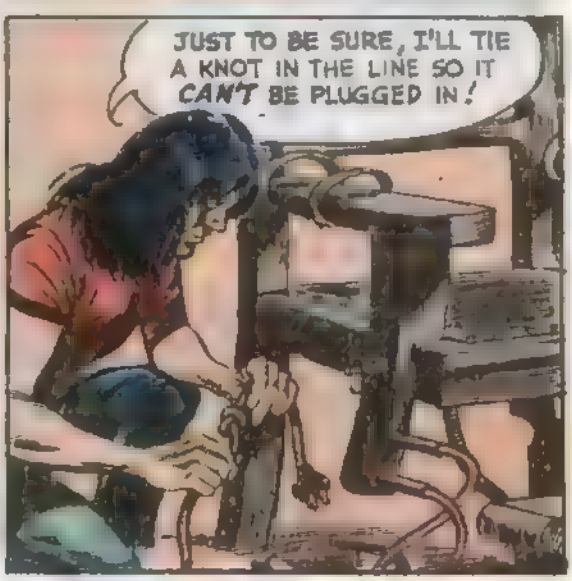
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POP!
ZRRK!
ZZZRRK!.
ZZAP!
LOOK, CHARLIE... HOW'S HE DO THAT?.
I DUNNO... BUT EVEN HIS EYEBALLS ARE SHININ'!. TERRIFIC!. SOCKO!.
HOW'D YOU LIKE THAT ACT, FOLKS? TERRIFIC, AIN'T IT?
YOU MUST'VE DONE IT, LEN.. YOU PROBABLY PLUGGED IN THE WRONG WIRE!
NO, KEN.. YOU DID IT ALL YOURSELF! MY ELECTRIC GUITAR HAS A SHORT IN IT.. YOU WERE IN WET CLOTHES WITH YOUR FEET IN A PUDDLE OF WATER..
I GOTTA GIVE YOU CREDIT, BROTHER... YOU REALLY DID HAVE A SHOCK ENDING!
VERY FUNNY!
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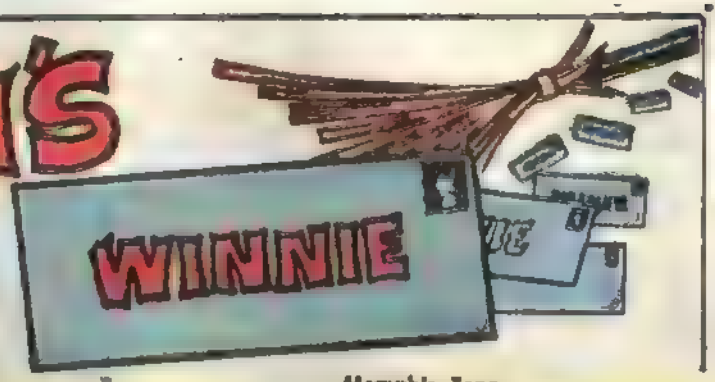
WITCH'S mail



Dear Editor:

I was planning to write after I finished reading issue #42 of *Ghostly Haunts*, then I noticed issue #43 on the stands and I read that too. I'd like to comment on both issues if I may.

Issue #42 was pretty good, but there were several things I didn't like about it. The first story, "Miss Fortune", didn't turn me on. It was sort of cute having Arachne Coffin (one of the narrators from *Midnight Tales*) compete against Winnie the Witch (narrator in *Ghostly Haunts*), but it wasn't exactly terrifying. In fact, aside from admiring the artwork depicting Winnie and Arachne, I wasn't consumed with delight anywhere in the story.

I've got a thing about Winnie the Witch. Some of your artists draw her sensationally well. Others don't do such a good job. S. Gumen who illustrated "The Laughter on Skull Island" gave us a swinging Winnie in one or two spots, but he didn't use her often enough. The Skull Island yarn was fair from spooky. I voted no.

Don Newton illustrated "The Man Who Hunted Satan" and did a splended job. He's a very fine artist, especially good in this category. The story was excellent and was based on the idea that evil is present in men and we blame Satan for many of our own faults. This third story was the best of all. Don Newton also did the cover. His artwork is excellent, but Don has done better work.

In issue #43, the cover seems to be a painting. At first I didn't know who did it but after reading the comic book, I discovered that Pat Boyette illustrated "The Lonely Vampire" and he undoubtedly painted the cover. I liked the art and script of this story. Pat also did "Invitation," the lead story. He really did a job on Winnie the Witch. His Winnie is probably one of the best any of your artists do. And he uses her at frequent intervals to dress up the page. I was interested in the story until I come to the last panel which should have explained things but all the people in the panel looked too *normal*. Shouldn't they look like they'd been dead a long time with maybe the two punks who planned to rob the old lady looking less ancient?

The second story, "Floral!", I didn't dig at all. It wasn't scary, interesting, or clear so I just let it go. So that's the word on the two recent issues of *Ghostly Haunts*. It seems to me that some of your other ghost comic titles are better scripted and drawn. Is this possible? If it is, why? One comic book is the same price as another.

Truly yours,
Melvin G.
Memphis, Tenn.

Thanks for your put-down, Melvin. There were two good things about it. You bought our comics, and you apparently buy our other titles too.

Some of the things you said were very, very true. No one is perfect all the time and sometimes one story doesn't turn out quite as well as we'd like. Sorry about that. We promise to do better in the future. We too liked Don Newton's art in "The Man Who Hunted Satan", and Nick Cuti did an excellent script "The Lonely Vampire" illo'd by Pat Boyette in ish #43 was also good with an interesting script by Joe Gill.

Dear Winnie the Witch:

You should write a fan letter to Pat Boyette. He shows you as the prettiest narrater in any ghost comic on the stands. In "Invitation" in the last issue (he means the March issue, #43) of *Ghostly Haunts*, Boyette draws Winnie like she was meant to be when you created her.

There was a letter in that issue from Joel Prentz and Joel asked a question concerning your clothes that I wanted answered but you didn't reply. It was can't you ever wear anything but that cape and minidress? I'd like to see you wear something else once in awhile.

In your reply to Joel's letter, you remarked on the letters you get from readers who tear everything in the book apart. I don't blame you for not printing their letters. If a guy doesn't like a comic book, he doesn't have to buy it, does he? As a reader of Charlton comics, I admit that once in awhile I find one I can't rave about, but most of the time I really enjoy your books. Thanks, and I'll keep on being a Charlton fan.

Sincerely,
Greg Stybek
Sacramento, Cal.

I do like the way Pat Boyette draws me, Greg. And I'm flattered by your interest in my wardrobe. Maybe one of my boyfriends who illustrate the scripts in *Ghostly Haunts* will dress me differently one issue very soon. It would be nice for a change. Something more casual, don't you think?

As for the hate mail I get from time to time, that doesn't happen often and we just ignore the really bad letters. Occasional constructive criticism, we like, and we'll print the letters, but I'm only human and I much prefer flattery. Doesn't everyone?

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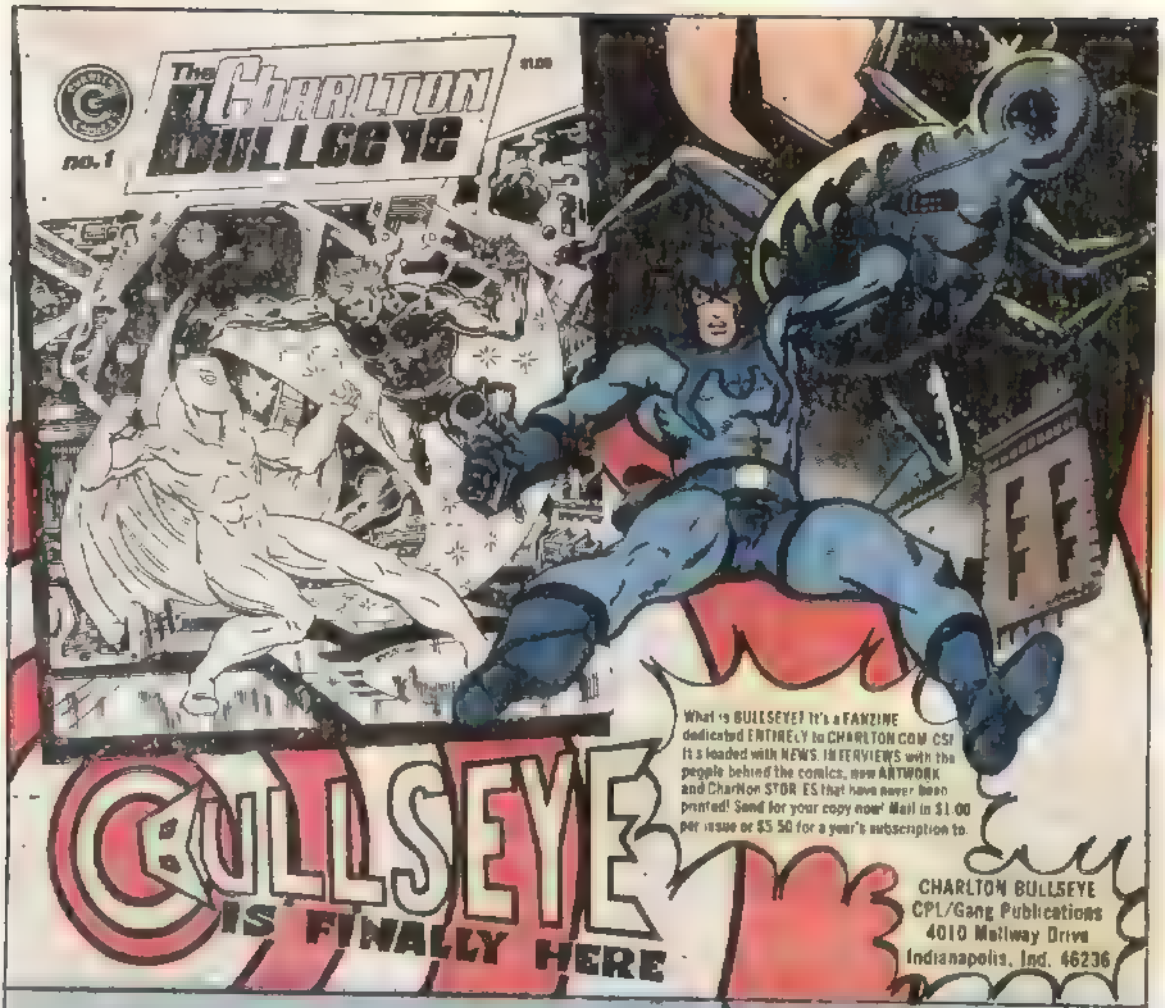
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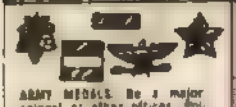

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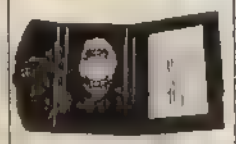

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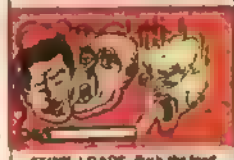

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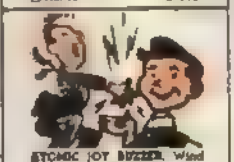

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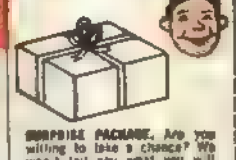

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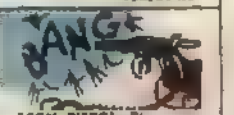

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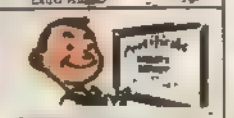

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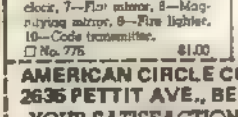

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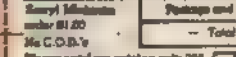

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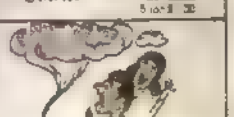

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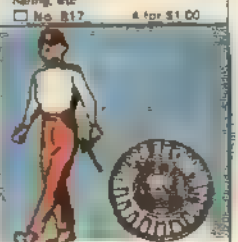

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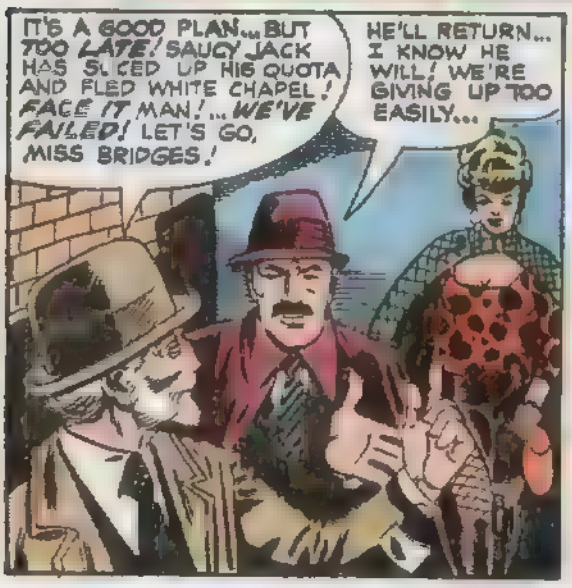
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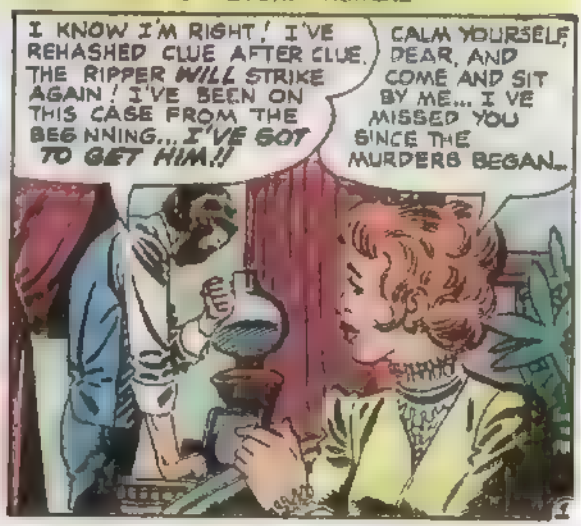
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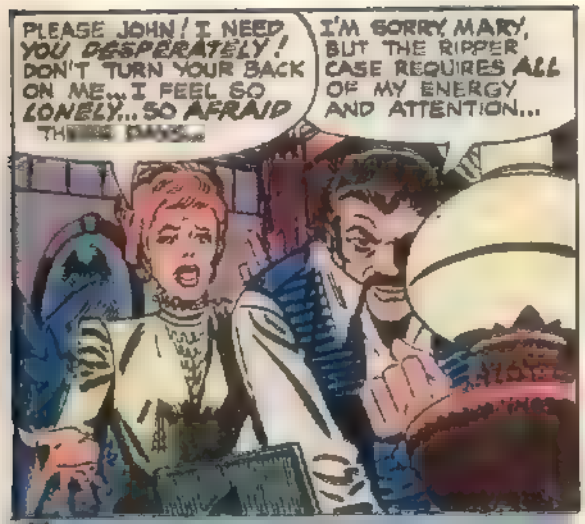
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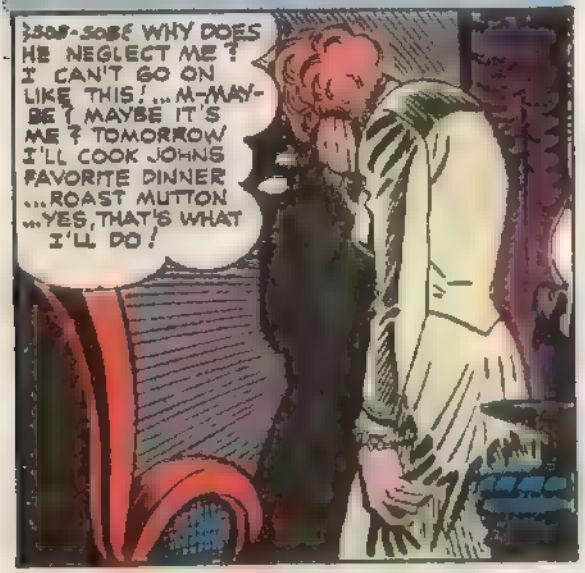
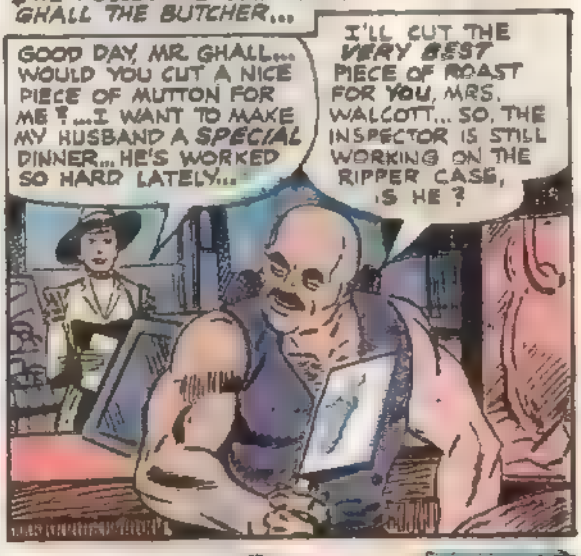
I'M SORRY MARY, BUT THE RIPPER CASE REQUIRES ALL OF MY ENERGY AND ATTENTION...

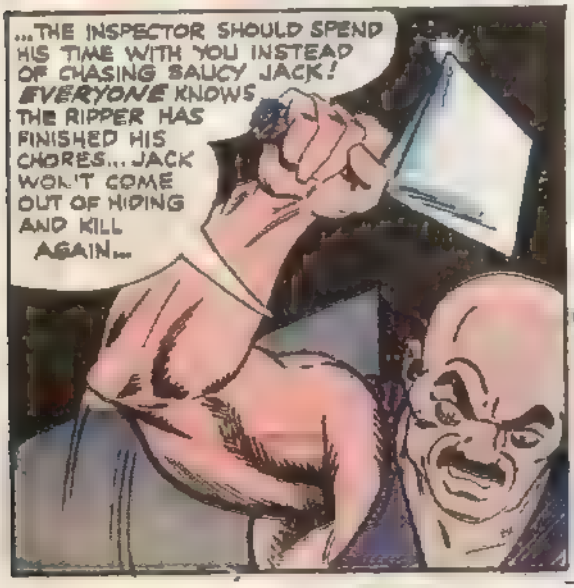
INSPECTOR WALCOTT COMPLETELY IGNORED HIS WIFE DURING THE PAST MONTHS...

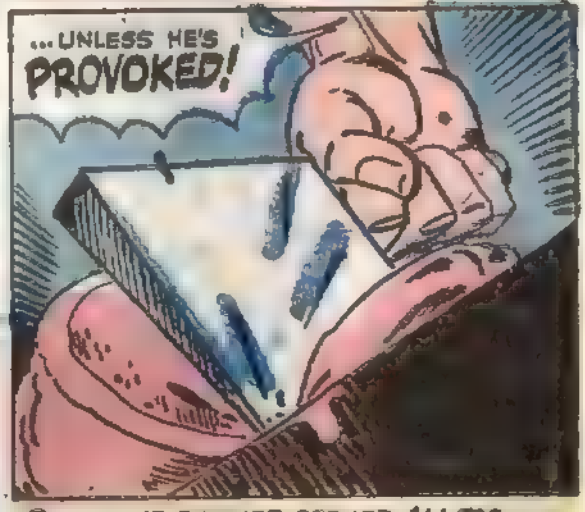

SOB-SOB WHY DOES HE NEGLECT ME? I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS! ... M-MAYBE? MAYBE IT'S ME? TOMORROW I'LL COOK JOHNS FAVORITE DINNER ...ROAST MUTTON ...YES, THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO!

THE RIPPER CASE WAS GNAWING ON HIS BRAIN...CONSUMING HIM! HE WAS OBSESSED WITH OBTAINING THE SOLUTION...

THE FOLLOWING DAY MARY VISITED MR. GHALL THE BUTCHER...

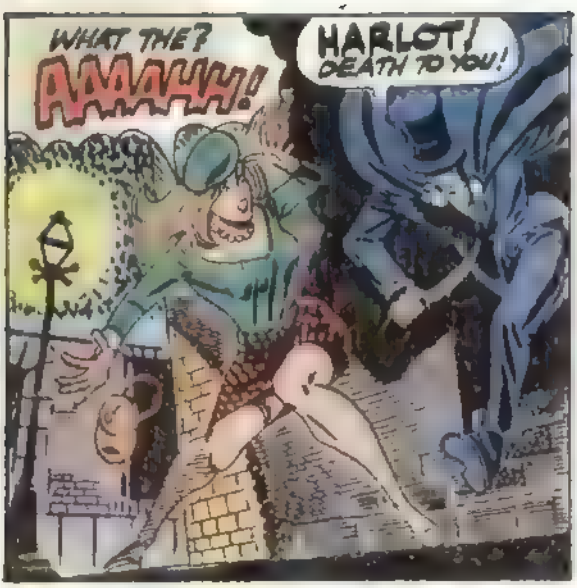

GOOD DAY, MR. GHALL... WOULD YOU CUT A NICE PIECE OF MUTTON FOR ME?...I WANT TO MAKE MY HUSBAND A SPECIAL DINNER... HE'S WORKED SO HARD LATELY...
I'LL CUT THE VERY BEST PIECE OF ROAST FOR YOU, MRS. WALCOTT... SO, THE INSPECTOR IS STILL WORKING ON THE RIPPER CASE, IS HE?

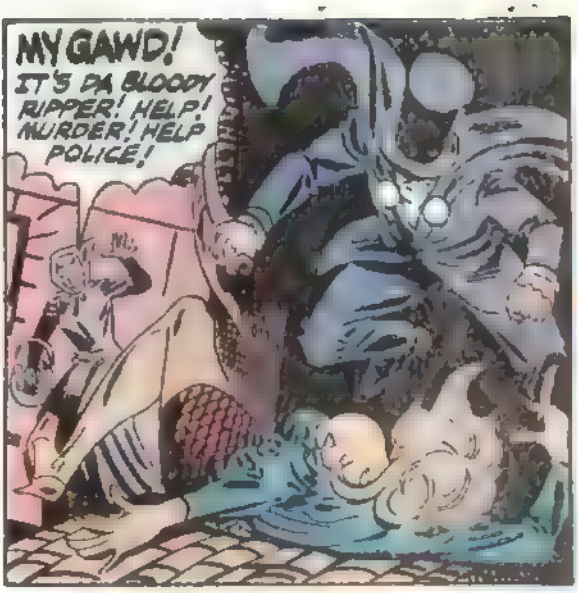

...THE INSPECTOR SHOULD SPEND HIS TIME WITH YOU INSTEAD OF CHASING SAUCY JACK! EVERYONE KNOWS THE RIPPER HAS FINISHED HIS CHORES... JACK WON'T COME OUT OF HIDING AND KILL AGAIN...

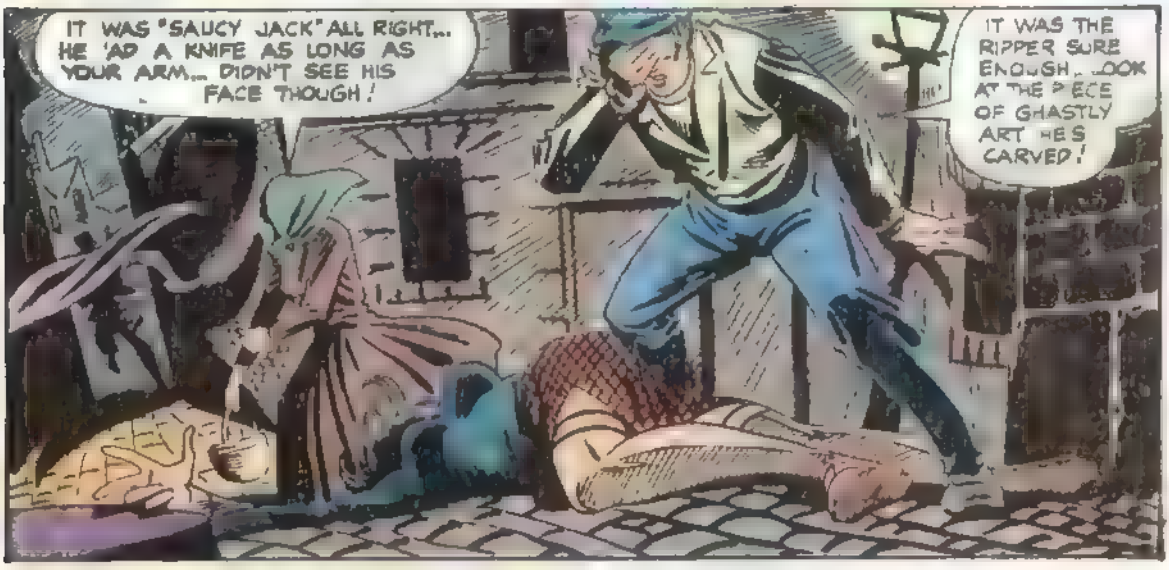


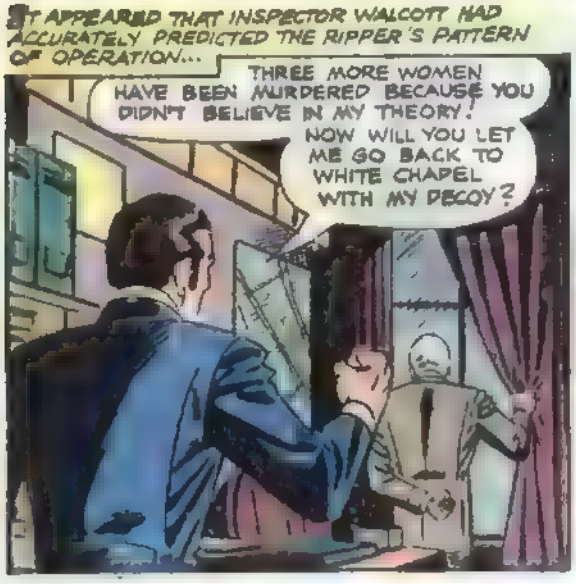
GHALL THE BUTCHER SEEMED ALL TOO POSITIVE OF THE RIPPER'S WHEREABOUTS AND INTENTIONS...

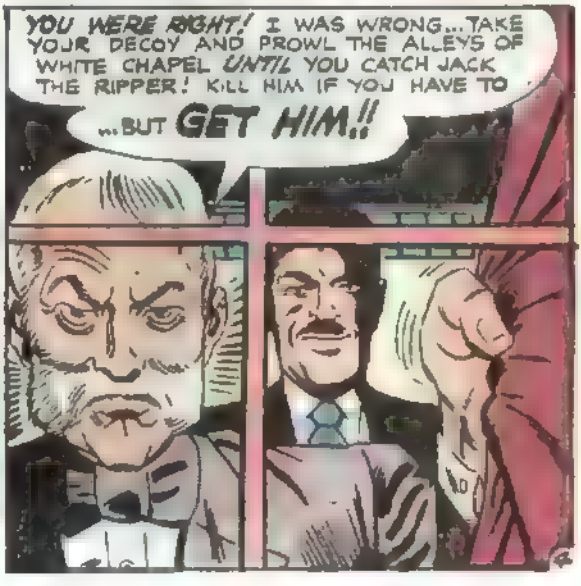
LATER THAT NIGHT...
JOHN, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! YOU'RE NOT GOING BACK TO THE YARD TONIGHT? ...NOT AFTER I'VE WORKED SO HARD ON DINNER... AND EVERYTHING...
... I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EAT! I'LL GRAB SOME FISH AND CHIPS AT A PUB LATER...
YOU'VE WORKED HARD? DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN ON A HOLIDAY? YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ME OR MY WORK! I'M SICK OF YOU AND YOUR POSSESSIVE BEHAVIOR! I'M LEAVING YOU AND NOT COMING BACK...EVER! SEND MY CLOTHES TO THE YARD!
J-J-JOHN... C-COME BACK...
THE STRAIN WAS TOO, TOO MUCH FOR HER TO BEAR...
JOHN!
JOHN! ;SOB-SOB; I LOVE YOU! WHY DON'T YOU LOVE ME? ;SOB-SOB;
THE NEXT MORNING MR. GHALL VISITED THE INSPECTOR'S HOME...
Y-YES? OH... IT'S YOU, MR. GHALL...
YES, MUM... I JUST STOPPED BY TO ASK IF THE MUTTON WAS SATISFACTORY? IF IT WASN'T I'LL... SAY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? IS ANYTHING WRONG?
;SOB; JOHN HAS LEFT ME. WHATEVER WILL I DO?
THE CAD! I'LL MAKE HIM SORRY HE EVER HURT YOU! I'LL FIX HIM AND HIS STUPID RIPPER INVESTIGATION! I'LL FIX HIM... BUT GOOD!


WHAT THE?
AAAAHH!
HARLOT! DEATH TO YOU!


MY GAWD! IT'S DA BLOODY RIPPER! HELP! MURDER! HELP POLICE!


IT WAS "SAUCY JACK" ALL RIGHT... HE 'AD A KNIFE AS LONG AS YOUR ARM... DIDN'T SEE HIS FACE THOUGH!
IT WAS THE RIPPER SURE ENOUGH... LOOK AT THE PIECE OF GHASTLY ART HE'S CARVED!


IT APPEARED THAT INSPECTOR WALCOTT HAD ACCURATELY PREDICTED THE RIPPER'S PATTERN OF OPERATION...
THREE MORE WOMEN HAVE BEEN MURDERED BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IN MY THEORY! NOW WILL YOU LET ME GO BACK TO WHITE CHAPEL WITH MY DECOY?


YOU WERE RIGHT! I WAS WRONG... TAKE YOUR DECOY AND PROWL THE ALLEYS OF WHITE CHAPEL UNTIL YOU CATCH JACK THE RIPPER! KILL HIM IF YOU HAVE TO ...BUT GET HIM!!

... AND SO THE TRAP WAS BAITED...
DIE, TROLLOP!
AND THE BAIT LURED A HUNGRY RAT FROM OUT OF THE SHADOWS!
NOW, INSPECTOR!
OOPH!
HALT! STOP IN THE NAME OF THE LAW! DROP THAT KNIFE! HALT OR I'LL SHOOT!
YOU'LL NOT ESCAPE THIS TIME!
SAUCY JACK WILL KILL NO MORE!
OOOH!
BANG
THE RIPPER FLED... BUT RUNNING WAS FUTILE...

I WANT TO SEE THE FACE OF THIS MONSTER BEFORE HE DIES...
OH NO! MARY! MARY, FORGIVE ME!
D-DO YOU L-LOVE ME, NOW... JOHNnn?...
WALCOTT REPORTED THE NEWS OF HIS "TRIUMPH" TO THE YARD...
I KNEW SHE WAS DISTURBED... BUT I DIDN'T THINK SHE WAS A HOMICIDAL MANIAC! MY MARY... THE RIPPER!
TAKE IT EASY, JOHN! WE'LL HUSH UP THE CASE! WE WON'T LEAK ANY NEWS TO THE PRESS! NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW! GO HOME TO YOUR HOUSE.. TRY AND FORGET...
THANK YOU, DRIVER!
YOU'RE WELCOME, INSPECTOR... MY BEST TO THE MIS'IZ...
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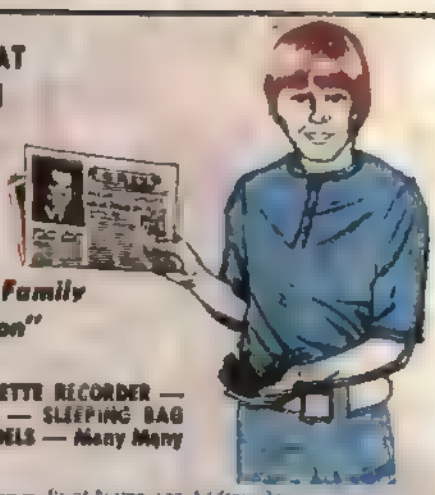

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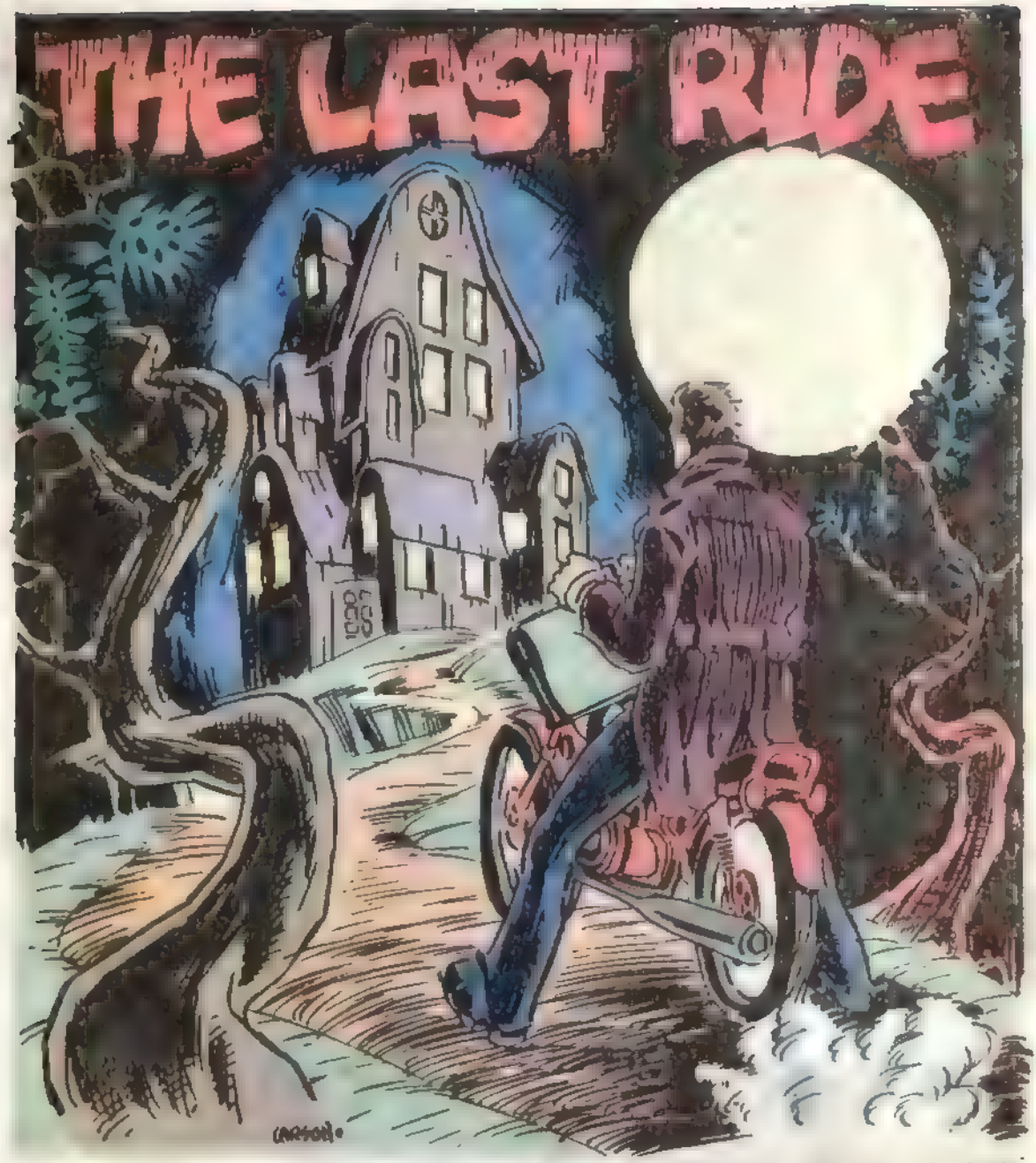

He down-shifted and turned down the narrow, winding path. He rode carefully, trying to avoid as much as possible the rocks and twisted roots impeding his way.

Ahead was his goal, the old mansion which he would have assumed was uninhabited, had it not been for the lights in the windows. Gray phantasmagorical shapes flickered before him on the road ahead, but always disappearing before he reached them.

Finally, with fumbling, awkward footsteps, he walked to the mansion's door. He lifted the doorknocker and let it fall several times.

Suddenly, the door sprang open. For a moment, he stood speechless, staring blankly. A chill passed through him. Strange, he wondered, that he should react in such a manner to so beautiful a woman.

At last he regained his composure, and began to speak with the affected friendliness he had learned so well.

"Hello. My name is Clifton Hobb, and I'm selling some magazine subscriptions here which I'm sure will interest you ..."

Abruptly, the chill was upon him again, and his next words stuck in his throat. The girl seemed to sense his uneasiness, and it amused her. With long, delicate fingers, she pushed her hair from her cheek. Her lips formed an almost sadistic cat-smile, and she purred through lips that barely moved: "A salesman who rides a motorcycle! How clever. Do come in."

Silently, he followed her, his eyes fastened on her long black hair falling down her back almost to her waist. Once, he tore his gaze from her, to study his majestic surroundings. The house and its furnishings were relics from another age, ancestral portraits hung on every wall. The unusually high ceilings had somehow lent to him a mood of humility and insignificance. So he walked in silence, the soul-pervading chill upon him. She sat down and beckoned to him.

"Come here, Clifton Hobbl"

Her eyes burned their way into his.

"Come and sit by me."

It was an invitation that would not otherwise have been unwelcome. Still, he did not move at first, and somewhere in the darkest corridors of his mind, he felt a twinge of unreasoning revulsion.

Strangely, unfathomably, she was at once desirable and repulsive. He sat down beside her and continued his sales line. She did not speak, but watched him

intently, her mouth forming a vague, almost imperceptible smile. When he was done, her purring voice burned through him once again. She had ignored the content of his speech, he noted with minor annoyance.

"Ah ... do you think you would be interested ..." he began hesitantly, attempting to retain his composure.

At first, there was only silence, as her eyes continued their unfaltering, burning gaze, making him, in a sense, more uneasy. But in another, greater sense, he realized that something about these eyes was lulling him into complacence; an incredibly pleasant drowsiness, such as he had not experienced ever before.

Then, at last, she spoke.

"Why are you so anxious to discuss these silly magazine subscriptions?" she asked.

She paused.

"I only wanted to ..." he stammered, suddenly ill-at-ease again.

Again, she spoke.

"After all, you will be here for a long time," she said.

"What?" he asked.

"I mean, I hope you will stay a while," she amended.

Once again she simply stared, and he felt the incredible drowsiness that her gaze produced overtaking him once again.

"I ... would like to stay a while," he said, "But I - I ..."

He found that the drowsiness had overcome him to such an extent that he was only barely able to speak coherently.

"You have travelled far tonight?" she asked.

"Yes," he replied, attempting to return her smile.

"Then you must be - very tired .." Her voice was a muted whisper. With those words, she had reached out with one hand to gently touch his face.

The coldness of her fingers repelled him, but somehow it was more than that. He subdued a frenzied impulse to flee from her touch. Too, as her hand remained on his face, he began to find her cool fingertips more and more pleasant. Almost without his consent, his own hand rose up to cover hers. Her smile deepened.

"Stay here, then," she said, "You must need rest."

"Thank you," he replied, almost trance-like.

She led him up a long spiraling stairway. When they reached the top, he looked out the open window at the moonlit landscape, noting his motorcycle far below.

"Do you enjoy riding at night?" she asked him.

"Very much," he said.

"That's good," she said, "Since after tonight, that's the only time you'll be able to ride."

Just before the teeth of the vampiress punctured his neck, he realized just how much he would miss those daytime rides.

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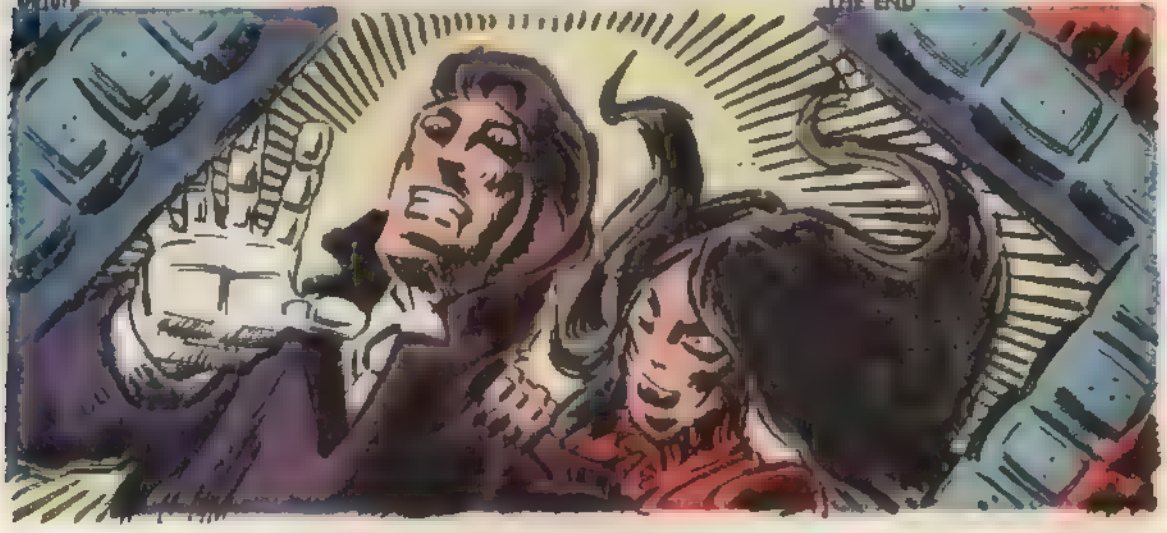

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